

Modern Greek

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1 Overview

Language family:	Indo-European (Hellenic)
Countries:	Greece, Cyprus, Turkey, Balkans, Black Sea coast, Eastern Mediterranean, Southern Italy
Number of speakers:	13.4 million
Agreement features:	number, person
Attested word orders:	SV
Coordination types:	and, or

(The data were entered by a native speaker via an online form.)

2 Patterns for number

2.1 Coordination with “and”

2.1.1 SV order

Pattern: Number is resolved to plural in all cases.

1st conjunct \ 2nd conjunct	sg	pl
sg	pl	pl
pl	pl	pl

Examples:

- (1) To aȳori ce ce o andras trexun.
the.SG boy.SG and the.SG man.SG run.3PL
‘The boy and the man run.’
- (2) a. Ta aȳorja ce o andras trexun.
the.PL boy.PL and the.SG tman.SG run.3PL
‘The boys and the man run.’
b. To aȳori ce i andres trexun.
the.SG boy.SG and the.PL man.PL run.3PL
‘The boy and the men run.’

2.2 Coordination with “or”

2.2.1 SV order

Pattern: There is closest conjunct agreement

1st conjunct \ 2nd conjunct	sg	pl
sg	sg	pl
pl	sg	pl

Examples:

- (3) To aȳori i o andras trechi.
the.SG boy.SG or the.SG man.SG run.3SG
‘The boy or the man run.’
- (4) a. Ta aȳorja i o andras trechi.
the.PL boy.PL or the.SG man.SG run.3SG
‘The boys or the man run.’
b. To aȳori i i andres trexun.
the.SG boy.SG or the.PL man.PL run.3PL
‘The boy or the men run.’

3 Patterns for person

3.1 Coordination with “and”

3.1.1 SV order

Pattern: Mismatching person seems to be resolved following the hierarchy 1 > 2 > 3. (Number is resolved to plural.)

1st conjunct \ 2nd conjunct	1	2	3
1		1pl	1pl
2	1pl		
3	1pl		

Examples:

- (5) a. Esi ki eyo trexume.
you and I run.1PL
'You and I run.'
- b. Eyo ki esi trexume.
I and you run.1PL
'I and you run.'
- (6) a. Emis ki afti trexume.
we and they run.1PL
'We and they run.'
- b. Afti ki emis trexume.
they and we run.1PL
'They and we run.'

3.2 Coordination with “or”

3.2.1 SV order

Pattern: In combinations of 1st and 2nd person, mismatching person is resolved following the hierarchy 1 > 2 > 3. In combinations of 1st and 3rd person, there is closest conjunct agreement. (Number is resolved to plural.)

1st conjunct \ 2nd conjunct	1	2	3
1		1pl	3pl
2	1pl		
3	1pl		

Examples:

- (7) a. Esi i eyo trexume.
you or I run.1PL
'You or I run.'
- b. Eyo i esi trexume.
I or you run.1PL
'I or you run.'

- (8) a. Emis i afti trechun.
we or they run.3PL
'We or they run.'
- b. Afti i emis trexume.
they or we run.1PL
'They or we run.'